

**Partner Church Annual Report for 2017-2018**  
**Submitted by Phyllis Valentine, Chair**

In 1997 the UU Church of Ann Arbor formally voted to establish a formal partnership with the Unitarian Church in Kézdivásárhely, Romania. The program supports all 5 core values of our congregation: spiritual life, social justice, community, stewardship, and culture. We share many of the same values as our partners, although there are variations in the way we practice our religions; both partners learn from each other.

Goals for 2016-2017:

- Celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Partnership:
- Continue regular communication.
- Continue to engage travelers in conversations about the partnership.

The highlight of the year was the October visit by Rev. Istvan Buzogany-Csoma and his wife, Rev. Csilla Buzogany-Csoma. We used this visit to help celebrate our partnership. The 2014 pilgrimage group, (Nancy and Steve Schewe, Cathy and Mike Muha, and Jan Bower), worked with me to plan and host our visitors. Istvan and Csilla participated in many activities at church and in the area. A trip to visit them has been planned for August.

We continued regular and relaxed communication with our partners via Facebook and email. Past UUAA travelers are in regular communication with their hosts. I've been less successful with the Blacksburg congregation, the partner of Istvan's village church.

Goals for 2018-19:

1. Pilgrimage in August.
2. Work to add a Unitarian history component to UUAA, especially SGD.
3. Continue regular communication with our Partners.
4. Continue working on communication with Blacksburg.